

Frisco Heritage Center Museum

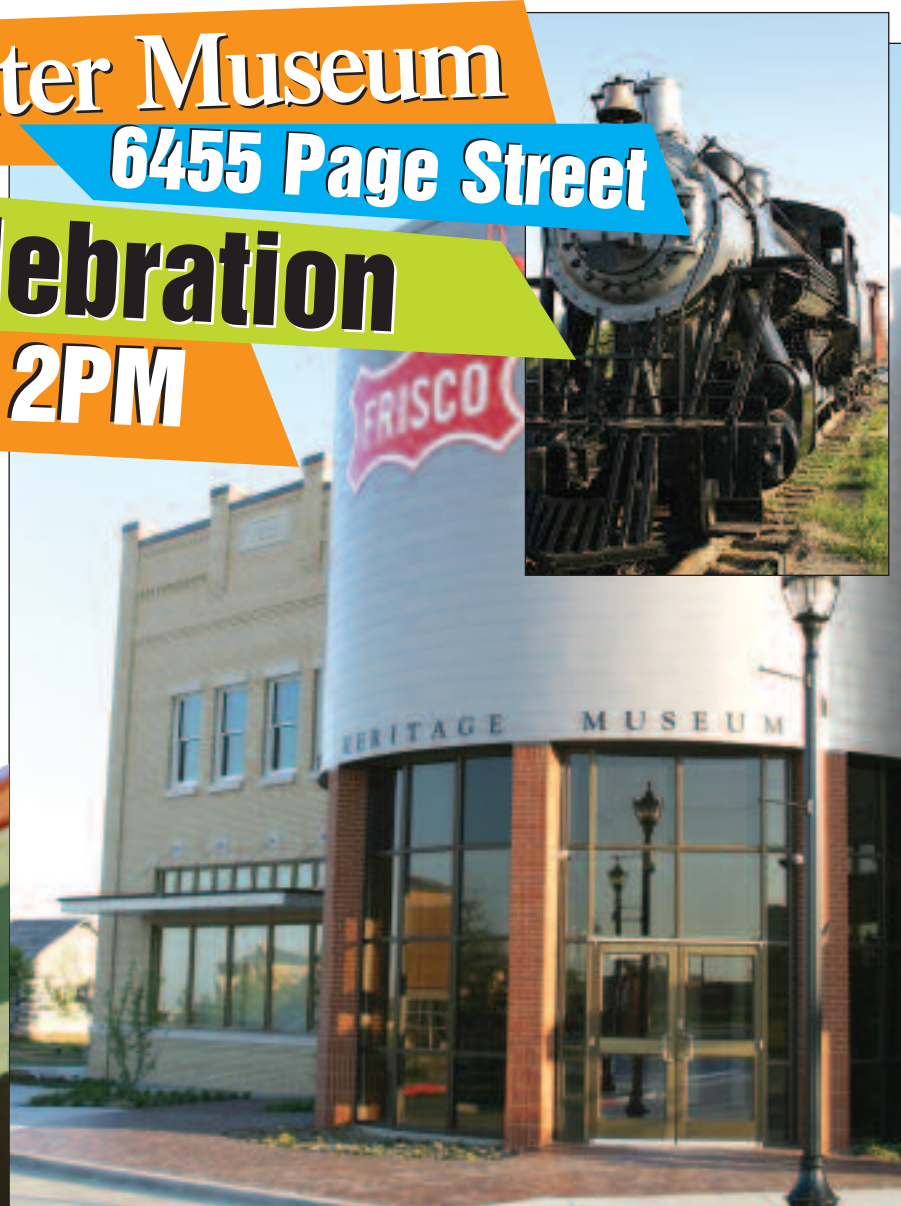
6455 Page Street

Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, May 3 • 2PM

Come celebrate a new chapter in Frisco's history. The grand opening for the Heritage Center Museum happens May 3 at 2 p.m. Experience pieces of the past from old railroad equipment and general store sundries to antique furnishings and cars. The 1913 Ford Model T Touring will take visitors' minds on a trip back in time!

The Heritage Center is a joint project between the City of Frisco, Frisco Community Development Corporation, and the Heritage Association of Frisco. The center is the first phase of Frisco Junction, a planned, six-acre development that will be a bridge from historic Downtown Main Street to the new Frisco Square development.

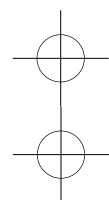


Frisco Fire Station 6 Dedication Ceremony

3535 Eldorado Pkwy.

Sunday, May 4, 2008 • 2 p.m.

Please join Frisco Fire Chief Mack Borchardt, Mayor Mike Simpson and members of the Frisco City Council for the dedication of the city's sixth fire station. Following the ceremony, fire personnel will lead citizens on tours of the new fire station.



FOCAL POINT



Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

My Final Mayor's Message

This is my final Mayor's Message since the election takes place May 10. The June 'Mayor's Message' will be from your next Mayor. It has been a phenomenal eight years of serving this city, from being elected to our City Council in 2000, to then Mayor in 2002 and re-elected in 2005. My wife Sandy is an unbelievable person, who has stood by me and supported me during my years on the council -- and for almost 46 years of marriage. Together, we have enjoyed our service and we hope we have represented you well these past eight years.

Last month I wrote about all the new municipal buildings, commercial developments and sports venues that have been built during the past six years. In 2002, your city council adopted our Public Art Program, which includes an art element in each of our capital projects. There are many other areas that bring a high quality of life to our Frisco families and I would like to cover some of those in this issue.

Parks and Recreation-Trails & Open Space

Each time we do a survey on what our citizen's consider their top priorities, parks, trails and open spaces always rise to the top of the list. Frisco voters have overwhelmingly passed bond issues to support the construction of parks, recreation centers and trails, thus ensuring we have open spaces for families to enjoy. In 2002 and 2006, voters approved a total \$84 million in bonds dedicated to Parks and Recreation. Here are some highlights of projects and programs accom-

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BY JAMI JENSEN
PARKS & RECREATION
MARKETING COORDINATOR

PATH TO PLAYTIME

Five new neighborhood parks open

Summer is almost here, and it is time to enjoy the great outdoors. The Parks & Recreation Department has recently opened five new parks to the citizens of Frisco. These neighborhood parks, located throughout the city, include Coyote Crossing Park, Foncine Settlement Park, J.C. Grant Park, Tuscany Park and Vivian Stark McCallum Park.

Coyote Crossing, located near Eldorado Parkway and Hillcrest Road, is a six-acre park featuring several nautical themed amenities. This park includes a playground system, walking trail, picnic areas, and open space for outdoor activities including athletic practices.

Foncine Settlement is a seven-acre park near Eldorado Parkway and Custer Road. Amenities include a walking trail, playground system, a picnic pavilion and picnic tables, plus, an open space for athletic practices and other outdoor

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J.C. Grant Park, located at 9611 Wade Blvd., is one of five new neighborhood parks now open to the public. The City of Frisco now has 26 neighborhood parks, four community parks and two special purpose parks for a total of 589 acres of developed parkland inside city limits.



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plished during the last six years:

- Acquired land for 16 parks and 150 acres of parkland
 - Developed 21 parks with more than \$37 million invested
 - Acquired more than 282 acres of land for Grand Park
 - Developed Master Plan for Grand Park
 - Opened new Frisco Athletic Center, November 2007
 - Developed a Hike & Bike Trail Master Plan, 'update' is in process
 - Opened Senior Center @ Frisco Square in 2004, opened first expansion in 2007
 - Opened Miracle League Field, April 2006
 - Frisco Commons Park and expansion of Warren Sports Complex
 - Opened Harold Bacchus Community Park, November 2007
 - Awarded 'Best in the State', Parks and Recreation Department
 - Frisco Commons Park awarded state and national design awards
- Our Parks and Recreation Department has done a great job and many more parks are scheduled to open in 2008.

Roads and Infrastructure

While state roads like S.H. 121, F.M. 423, and F.M. 2934 (Eldorado Pkwy.), F.M. 3537 (Main St. east of Preston), S.H. 289 (Preston Road) seemed to receive a lot of attention and all are either in progress -- or will be by 2009, our city did a great job on our local roads. Thanks to our citizens passing bond issues in 2002 and 2006, we have \$174 million committed to local roads. With our bond money from earlier issues, Frisco will have built -- or is in the process of building -- almost \$240 million in roads over the past six years. Key road accomplishments include:

- Worked with the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to get the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) opened to S.H. 380 earlier than planned.
- Worked with the NTTA, TxDOT and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to get S.H. 121 awarded to NTTA and to keep S.H. 121 toll rates and escalation percentages low.
- Worked with TxDOT to get F.M. 2934 (Eldorado Pkwy.) moved up 'on the priority list', awarded in Feb. 2008
- Built local roads like Legacy, Teel, Coit, Lebanon, Warren, Eldorado (east of DNT), Parkwood, Independence, Main Street (from DNT to Preston), Ohio, Frisco St., and numerous downtown streets.

In addition to the all the new roads built, we added three new, elevated water storage tanks and miles of new water and sewer lines and pump stations to handle our growing city.

Public Works

In addition to opening a new Publics Works Office and Vehicle Maintenance Building, our Public Works Department accomplished these items over the last six years:

- Developed a Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan.
- Adopted an ET controller program to

conserve on water usage.

- Implemented a Single Stream Solid Waste Collection Service saving more than \$1.5 million in landfill costs.
- Developed a nationally recognized and honored recycling and education program.
- Completed a 10-year street improvement program.

Planning and Development Services

Frisco has become known for its great planning and implementation of its plans. We have some of the toughest building codes which many cities are now starting to copy seeing that it adds sustainability to home values. Here are just a few accomplishments since 2002:

- 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update: State award winning plan updating our 2000 plan.
- Green Building Program for residential and a limited commercial plan.
- Downtown Architectural Standards and Design Standards.
- Landscape Ordinance
- Clean Air Ordinance
- Sign Ordinance
- Worked with the Urban Land Institute on the Grand Park Concept.
- Developed an Alternative Subdivision Design Ordinance & Form Based Code Ordinance to provide for unique communities while conserving land and water resources and promoting increased livability factors.

I don't have enough space allocated to this message to compliment every department but **Human Resources** and **Financial Services Departments** have done numerous things over the past six years to improve employee benefits, training, health programs and utilization of technology for employee resources, applications and talent management. The Financial Services Department has won the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for seven years and implemented new computer software for reporting, budgeting, purchasing and ensuring that we maintain our financial strength as a city which has been our top Strategic Focus Area. Our IT Department was established as a 'department' during this time. Just like our city, this department has grown extremely fast and is invaluable to the success of our city as we grow our technology infrastructure. Some of the department's most notable accomplishments include assisting Finance and Human Resources with implementing software to improve our budget, purchasing and payroll processes; redesigning the city's Web site and installing a content management system; and implementing software that provides citizens the ability to 'sign up' for Parks and Recreation classes, leagues and programs 'online'.

Communications

One of the top things I wanted to accomplish was increased and improved communication with our citizens as we grow. We have a great Communications Department and the staff has continued to update and improve our website, winning national awards while adding many other tools to keep our citizens informed. Here are just a few of their accom-

plishments over the last six years:

- Worked with a consultant to develop new logo and a program to brand the new look.
- Developed Freedom Fest into one of the biggest and best July 4th Celebrations in the area.
- Handled 3-4 Town Hall Meetings per year with the City Managers Office and Council
- Continually updated our AV capability to produce our own cable channel programs-Frisco Today, the Mayor Corner and numerous Public Service Announcements.
- Coordinated the AV system design, and installations in City Hall, Library, Senior Center, Heritage Museum, Public Works, Police Department and other city buildings.
- Handled our numerous ground breaking and dedication ceremonies each time we opened a new facility.
- Implemented E-List Serve that automatically sends press releases and announcements to our citizens.

Together, our city leadership and staff implemented many new communication tools, dating back to 2002, which include hosting HOA Presidents Meetings, Executive Briefing Meetings for Key Business Leaders and City Hall House Calls, which bring "mini-Town Hall" meetings to our communities in their own back yard.

Police and Fire

I covered all the new facilities in the last issue, but over the past six years we have continued to add the latest in technology, equipment, training and personnel to provide excellent public safety services. Police and Fire always make up the largest part of our budgets and we have done this over the years to ensure staff has the best technology to solve crimes and most effectively fight fires. We've also worked to provide staff the tools they need to provide top notch crime prevention, as well as safety and fire prevention education programs. Your support is working and it shows in our safety statistics. Tour one of our departments and you will see what I mean.

Library:

In 2006, we opened a new Frisco Public Library ten times the size of our old facility. The number of patrons has skyrocketed, as has the number of services being offered, which are too numerous to list. Some of the most notable services include online assistance 24 hours a day, RFID 'check out', as well as professional tutoring. Some of the programs newly established over the past six years include Books for Babies, the Teen Advisory Board and the ever popular Lone Star Storytelling Festival.

City Secretary's Office:

Over the past six years, this office has successfully met the incredible challenge of handling our elections, which have included two mayoral elections, citizen referendums, and City Charter amendments. This office has also implemented 'Codification of Ordinances',

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Swing batta swing! The “On Deck Circle” open at Harold Bacchus Park

Frisco's newest sports attraction is now open. The “On Deck Circle” is a quality baseball/softball training area located at Harold Bacchus Park, 13995 FM 3537 (west of Independence Parkway). The training area is located adjacent to the park's baseball/softball five-plex and includes four batting cages capable of pitching both baseballs and softballs at various speeds.

In addition to the batting cages, the training area includes four tunnels complete with nets, which make this area perfect for soft toss, live pitching and batting opportunities, and personal

instruction.

“On Deck Circle” is open Monday – Friday from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. The area is closed on Sunday. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age.

Tokens for the batting cages can be purchased onsite. One token costs \$1 and provides the batter with 15 pitches. The tunnels are free and available on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless they have been reserved in advance by another party. At least two batting cages and two tunnels will be available for open use at all times.

**On Deck Circle
at Harold Bacchus Park**
13995 FM 3537 (west of
Independence Parkway)

Hours of Operation
Monday – Friday:
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday: closed

Call 972-292-6600 for
reservation information

Reservations are available
for both the batting cages and
training tunnels. Reservations

must be made at least two days
in advance and no sooner than
two weeks in advance.
Reservations must be made in-
person at the Frisco Athletic
Center located at 5828 Nancy
Jane Ln. during regular operat-
ing hours.

Batting cages are \$40 per one
hour rental and training tunnels
are \$30 per one hour rental.
Please call the Frisco Athletic
Center at 972-292-6600 to
inquire about the availability of
a cage or tunnel.

For more information about
the “On Deck Circle” please visit
the Frisco Parks & Recreation
website at www.FriscoFun.org.

Happenings at the Senior Center at Frisco Square

6670 Moore St.
(972) 292-6550

Cinco de Mayo celebration

**Monday, May 5
Noon to 2 p.m.**

**FEE: \$7 (includes lunch
and entertainment)**

Fiesta! Enjoy the fabu-
lous sounds, a sumptuous
feast and games as we cele-
brate Cinco de Mayo with
flair. Delight your taste buds
with fajitas, refried beans,
and rice.

Listen to the fabulous
sounds of the Los Reyes de
Dallas Mariachi Band and
take a shot at the swinging
piñata filled with goodies
(you'll be blindfolded while
you try). Wear your som-
brero, poncho or serape,
and your boots. You must
register by Friday, May 2.

Mother's Day Tea

Friday, May 9

10:00 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.

It's a day just for the
moms. Sit back, relax, sip
some tea, and enjoy our
annual

Mother's Day Celebration
as we serve you! Light
refreshments and entertain-
ment will be provided. Enjoy
the company of other moms
and share your favorite moth-
erhood stories. Reserve your
seat by Wednesday, May 7.

Table Tennis Tournament

**Monday, May 12
Tournament play
begins at 10 a.m.**

Entry Fee: \$5

Grab your paddles and
get to swinging. We will host
our bi-annual table tennis
tournament. Start practic-
ing, and sign up early. Prizes
will be awarded to the first,
second, and third place win-
ners.

Summer Frisco Fun Guide Available

The summer Frisco Fun
Activity Guide will be
available to view online at
www.FriscoFun.org.
Frisco residents will begin
receiving their copy of the
guide in the mail the first
full week of May.
Beginning May 5, a copy of
the guide may be picked-
up at the following loca-
tions:

- **Frisco Public Library,**
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.
- **Frisco Chamber of
Commerce, 6843 Main St.**
- **The Parks & Recreation
Administration Building,**
6726 Walnut
- **The Frisco Athletic Center,**
5828 Nancy Jane Ln.

The Frisco Fun Activity
Guide contains informa-
tion on classes, programs
and leagues offered
through the City of Frisco
Parks & Recreation
Department. Registration
for classes found in the
summer guide begins May
5. Registration is available
anytime online at
www.FriscoFun.org or in-
person at the Frisco
Athletic Center during reg-
ular hours of operation.

Have fun in the sun with Frisco Parks & Recreation

The month of May marks
the beginning of the summer
pool season. The Frisco
Parks & Recreation
Department offers a variety
of opportunities and activi-
ties to keep you cool this
summer.

The City of Frisco
Municipal Outdoor Pool will
open for the 2008 summer
season May 24. The
Municipal Outdoor Pool is
located at the corner of
Maple and Mimosa Streets in
downtown Frisco. Season
pool passes for the Municipal
Outdoor Pool may be pur-
chased at the pool starting
May 24 during public swim
hours, or at the Frisco
Athletic Center (5828 Nancy
Jane Ln.) during regular
hours of operation.

You can also stay cool this
summer at two of Frisco's
public parks. Shepherds
Glen Park (12012 Shepherds
Hill Drive) and J.R. Newman
Park (8211 Twin Falls Drive)
feature spray grounds for



children. The spray grounds
in each of these parks open
Memorial Day weekend. The
spray grounds are open daily
from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For facility hours and
more information about
these activities, please visit
www.FriscoFun.org.

Part-time jobs available at the Frisco Athletic Center

Looking for a great part-time job this summer? The Frisco Athletic Center is looking for fun, enthusiastic individuals to become part of our team as Water Safety Instructors. These individuals will teach young children to swim and educate them on water safety in and around the pool. Starting pay is \$11.59 per hour.

Not certified? A certification class is available beginning May 6. Registration for this class is available in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center or online at www.FriscoFun.org. For more information on the coolest job in town this summer, contact Keri Kirkwood at 972-292-6516 or kkirkwood@friscotexas.gov.

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

May 5

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

May 6

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 8

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 12

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

May 13

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

May 14

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 15

- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

May 19

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30pm

May 20

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 21

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

May 22

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, TX, 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Rm, 6:45 p.m.

May 27

- Heritage Association, Council Chambers, 10 a.m.
- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

May 28

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut Street, 6:30 p.m.

Climbing your family tree at FPL

BARBARA BRASHEARS

ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Climbing your family tree can be fun and informative. Take the first step at the Frisco Public Library. Where did your surname originate? How many generations of your family have lived in Texas or the United States? These are questions you hear when people start talking about their "family trees," or the genealogy of their family.

The search for answers to questions like these can provide many important and interesting benefits. A genealogical search can bring families closer together on an emotional level. It can uncover important medical information, and it may even enable you to discover long lost and unknown family members. The

Frisco Public Library's growing Genealogy collection provides visitors with the opportunity to begin a genealogy search by offering a wide variety of "how to" books.

Genealogy databases are the primary tool available at the Frisco Public Library for genealogy-related searches. The principal database available to Frisco patrons is Ancestry.com. The database can access global historical records containing more than four billion names. Records available include U. S. census records, birth, marriage and death certificates, and immigration records. Access to this database is available only at library computers.

Also available through the library's databases is Heritage Quest, which is an excellent resource for census data, family records, and local histories. This

database is available to all Frisco Public Library cardholders and can be accessed from personal computers from your home. Another genealogical database available to our visitors is the Digital Texas Sanborn Maps, 1867 – 1970. This database provides digital access to more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 United States towns and cities. Cardholders can also access this database from home.

Members of the library staff are eager to assist as you search for information as you climb your family tree. For help with any of these databases or the Genealogy collection, just stop by the 'Ask Us' desk and speak with a reference librarian. For more information about library services and hours, please visit us online at www.friscolibrary.com or call 972-292-5669.

Summer safety program at Frisco Fire Safety Town

Frisco Fire Safety Town is excited to announce our summer safety program lineup for 2008. All summer safety programs last approximately one hour in length and include a safety presentation, hands-on interaction with students, and a tour of the outdoor area at Frisco Fire Safety Town. All classes are free of charge.

All programs are presented in an age-appropriate context to those who have completed kindergarten through fifth grades. All classes are scheduled to spend time outdoors, weather permitting. Each one hour class is offered for group or individual registration four times daily: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Each day of the week will feature a different safety topic:

- Monday – Basic First Aid for Kids
- Tuesday – Outdoor Safety
- Wednesday – Home & Life Safety
- Thursday – Fire Safety
- Friday – Bicycle & Wheel Safety
- Select Dates – Babysitter Safety (10 years & older)

Registration is available online at www.friscofire.com or contact Frisco Fire Safety Town at 972-292-6350 for registration assistance. Classroom sizes are limited, so reserve your spot today.

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Frisco Fire Safety Town receives national honor

Frisco Fire Safety Town was presented with the 2008 Nicholas Rosecrans Award given nationally each year to recognize emergency responders who demonstrate leadership, commitment and innovation in preventing injuries. Presented by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services, Laerdal Medical Corp. and EPIC Medics, the award was given to the Frisco Fire Department at the 2008 EMS Today conference in Baltimore, Maryland on March 29, 2008.

On hand to accept the award were Fire Chief Mack Borchardt, Division Chief Ryan Wolford and Steve Kaufman, owner of Kaufman Company, Inc. and a Founding Sponsor of Frisco Fire Safety Town.

The Nicholas Rosecrans Award was established by Lynn Artz after her son Nicholas died from a pool drowning. Lynn reached beyond her personal tragedy and channeled her efforts into increasing injury prevention through public education.

Since opening in January 2007 Frisco Fire Safety Town has seen over 45,000 visitors. One of those



Fire Chief Mack Borchardt accepts the 2008 Nicholas Rosecrans award from EPIC Medics, Lynn Artz and her son Noah Rosecrans.

visitors was Chief Bruce Evans of the North Las Vegas Fire Department. Frisco Fire Safety Town, along with its educational programs and concepts, so impressed Chief Evans that he nominated Chief Borchardt and Frisco Fire Safety Town for the Nicholas Rosecrans Award. Paul Maxwell, president/founder of EPIC Medics, noted the impact of the Frisco Fire Department making its program readily available to other communities. "Their program, their model for Safety Town, could be replicated in any community in the nation," Maxwell said. "That was a big factor in their winning."

Following the award, Frisco Mayor Mike Simpson proclaimed April 2008 "Frisco Fire Safety Town Month" during the April 1 City Council Meeting.

Mayoral position, two city council positions on May 10 ballot

On May 10, Frisco's registered voters will elect a new mayor and two new council members to the Frisco City Council. Mayor Mike Simpson is leaving office, due to term limits. Aside from electing city representatives, voters will be considering a referendum regarding an ordinance regulating 'late hours' alcohol sales.

Maher Maso and Matt Lafata are running for mayor. Candidates Bart Crowder, John C. Newsome, Antonio Luevano and Tim H. Nelson are running for Place 5. Candidates Scott Johnson, Jim Tupper, Buddy

Clark and LaDella Levy are vying for Place 6.

Early voting, by personal appearance, begins April 28 – May 6. Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Voters may cast early ballots at:

- Frisco Fire Station #4, 4485 Cotton Gin
- Preston Ridge Campus, Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd.
- The Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Red Bud Blvd., Suite 102, in McKinney

The General Election will be

held Saturday, May 10 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. On Election Day, voters will cast ballots at three city precinct locations:

City Precinct 1: (Denton County Precincts 117, 119, 124, 131 and 137)

Pioneer Heritage Middle School, 1649 High Shoals Drive

City Precinct 2: (Collin County Precincts 30, 92, 111)

Staley Middle School, 6927 Stadium Lane

City Precinct 3: (Collin

County Precincts 87, 101, 117, 118, 127, 134 and 146)

Wester Middle School, 12293 Shepherds Hill Lane

Voters must cast ballots at their designated polling place, on Election Day only. Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards. For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5010 or email npark-er@friscotexas.gov. Election information is also available on the city's website at www.frisco-texas.gov/elections.

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activities.

J.C. Grant Park is located at 9611 Wade Blvd., adjacent to Otis Spears Elementary School. This nine-acre park features an open field area for athletic practices, a play-ground system with miniature climbing wall, walking trail, picnic pavilion and tables. Visitors are already admiring the public art piece featured here – a beautiful stone horse and covered wagon.

Tuscany Meadows Park is a six-acre park located near Lebanon Road and Hillcrest Road. Features of this park include a playground system, an open space for athletic practices including a basketball and soccer goal, a walking trail, and a picnic pavilion and tables.

Vivian Stark McCallum Park is a peaceful five-acre park. Located within the Queens Gate neighborhood community, the park includes open space for outdoor activities, a playground system, walking trails and a picnic pavilion and tables.

The completion of these five parks adds to the city's growing parks portfolio including 26 neighborhood parks, four community parks and two special purpose parks. These parks combine for 589 acres of developed parkland in the City of Frisco.

Three additional neighborhood parks, identified as Crescent Park, Stephen's Green and Hummingbird Park, have been master planned and construction will begin this summer.

For more information on these parks, including links to maps of their locations, please visit our website at www.friscotexas.gov/parks. You may also contact Jed Doshier, Parks Project Manager at 972-292-6514.

Mayor's Youth Council: *New addition to www.friscotexas.gov*



At the April 15 City Council meeting, the 2007 – 2008 Mayor's Youth Council wrapped up a busy year by giving a presentation about their projects and goals.

One of the goals they accomplished was having a presence on the Web. The students wanted a place where the community could

learn more about the group's mission and projects, and where other teens could learn about how to become a member.

Mayor Mike Simpson and the Frisco City Council started the group in 2005 as a way for Frisco's young people to have input into city policies. The group has grown to 33

members with representatives from all four Frisco ISD high schools, Legacy Christian Academy in Frisco and Jesuit Preparatory in Dallas.

Learn more about what this group of future leaders is doing right now at www.friscotexas.gov/youthcouncil.

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which greatly improves anyone's ability to find and research city laws. The City Secretary's Office also implemented a Record's Retention program, as well.

I also want to commend our Economic and Community Development Corporations, as well as the Convention Visitors

Bureau. Each are vital to growing our community, improving quality of life and promoting Frisco at home and afar. I'd be remiss if I didn't say 'thank you' again to all those who serve on any city boards and commissions. I'd also like to thank the hundreds of citizens who volun-

teer in our Municipal Volunteer Program (MVP). The first week in May marks National Volunteer Month and for the first time, the city will host our MVP volunteer awards reception. You're all MVPs to me!

I know I left out someone, and I apologize. You can't wrap

up these last six years in one article. Thanks to all our great employees, the best City Manager and Staff in the country and great councils that have worked with me as a TEAM to accomplish all we have done together. Thanks to Matt Lafata for his last six years on council

and to Jim Joyner for his last five years on the council and all his help this year as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Thank you all and thanks for the memories that we will never forget.

**Mayor Mike
& Sandy Simpson**

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate.

1 CR 712 (Frisco Street - North County Road)

Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco St. to the RR Crossing and two lanes from the RR Crossing to North County Road.

Design is 100 percent complete. Est. start of construction is summer 2008.

2 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construct a four-to-five story parking structure to accommodate roughly 500 cars.

Est. completion of design is June 2008

3 Rolater Road (Coit - Independence)

Scope: Construct a four-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road. Construction began December 2007. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Est. completion of construction is October 2008.

4 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing

Scope: Street Connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. This is Phase two of the Frisco Square Street Improvements. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Blvd. with the RR signal and crossing gates.

Est. start of construction is summer 2008.

5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston) with overpass

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side. This will complete the ultimate six-lane divided roadway with median and includes three additional lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Design of six-lane facility is 90 percent complete

6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Utility relocations are underway to clear the area for construction. Bid by TxDOT Feb 7, 2008.

Est. start of roadway construction is spring 2008

7 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be let by TxDOT.

Est. completion of design is March 2009

8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be let by TxDOT. Includes streetlights, and traffic signals.

Est. start of construction is December 2008.

9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Parkway to US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be let by TxDOT.

Est. start of construction is May 2009.

10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main Street)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. The project includes streetlights, and irrigation.

Est. completion of construction is summer 2008.

11 Dogwood Street (Main Street to McKinney Road)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane and Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Street lighting is included in this project.

Est. completion of design is the end of May 2008.

12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Construction is in the paving stage of the main lanes, and the right turn lane at Stonebrook.

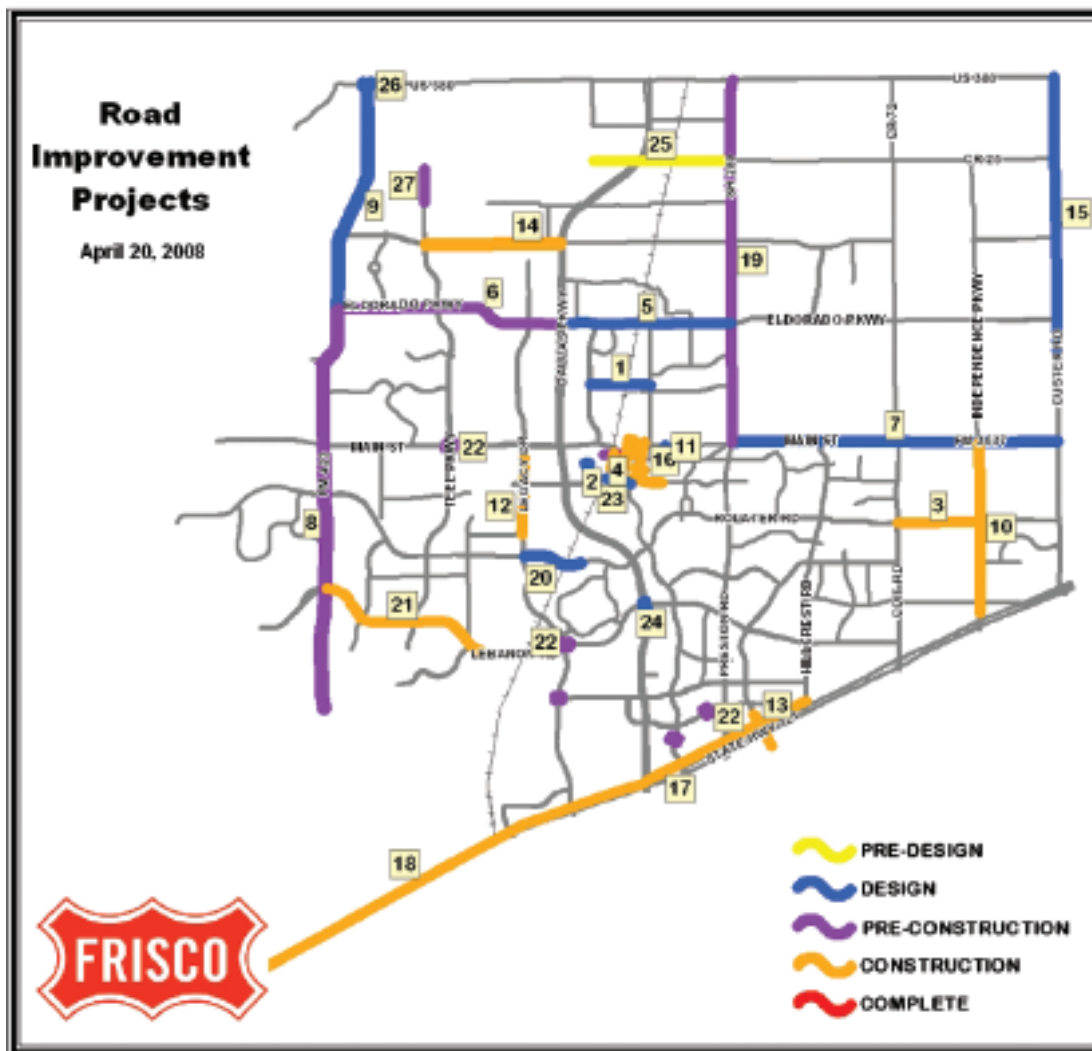
Est. completion of construction is June 2008.

13 Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive Overpass at SH 121.

Est. TxDOT completion of construction is April 2008.

14 Panther Creek Pkwy



(Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construction of four lane divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Parkway.

Construction is underway. Est. completion of construction is August 2008.

15 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Construct the western three lanes and the eastern three lanes of FM 2478 (Custer Road) from U.S. 380 to Stonebridge Drive, which will replace the existing two lane asphalt roadway. This will complete a six-lane divided roadway.

This project will be let by TxDOT.

Est. completion of design is June 2008

16 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to

Ash) - Est. completion is June 2008.

- Third (Oak north to Maple) - Opened November 2007.
- Third (Main south to Ash) - Est. completion is May 2008.
- Fourth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened November 2007.
- Sixth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened November 2007.
- Sixth (Elm South - Hickory) - Opened April 2008.
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh) - Est. completion May 2008.
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr) - Opened March 2008.

17 SH 121 Freeway DNT to Hillcrest

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to Hillcrest.

Est. open to traffic is fall 2008.

18 SH 121 Freeway (FM 544 to DNT)

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway.

Est. completion of construction is summer 2008.

19 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. \$2 million of the City of Frisco's \$4.5 million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening.

Est. start of construction is end of 2008.

20 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly, and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination.

Est. completion of design is June 2008, and permitting is May 2009.

21 Lebanon Road (FM 423 - Presidents Drive)

See UPDATE, next page

Make a splash!

Frisco Athletic Center Water Park Grand Opening May 24 at Noon - 7 p.m.



You can't miss that bright yellow and green water slide rising high on Preston Road outside the Frisco Athletic Center (FAC). Starting Memorial Day weekend you can do more than watch with curiosity. You can hop on and take the plunge! The Grand Opening Celebration of the Frisco Athletic Center Water Park is set for Saturday, May 24 from noon to 7 p.m.

Activities will include a live broadcast from Radio Disney from 5 to 7 p.m., exciting games and lots of great give-a-ways. The FAC Water Park features two water slides, a 600 linear foot lazy river, a lagoon pool and a large interactive play structure designed for children. This area also includes multiple interactive spray features and shade structures.

Use of the Water Park is included with a membership to the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln., near the corner of Preston Road and Wade Boulevard. See table below for non-member admission costs.

ADMISSION

DAY PASSES

Youth: \$6
Adults: \$8

MONTHLY PASSES

Family: \$60 (residents)
\$90 (non-residents)

FAC MEMBERS

No extra charge --
Included in membership



UPDATES

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Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road FromPresidents to FM 423, including a three-lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway.

Construction began February 2008.

22 Intersection Capacity Improvements

Scope: Intersection improvements at the following intersections:

Gaylord/Mall Road F

Parkwood/Hammons Main/Teel

Est. start of construction in all 3 locations is spring 2008.

23 Eubanks Street (Fifth Street - BNSF RR)

Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement and enclosed storm drainage. Construction is complete.

The plan is currently under design.

24 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. The bridge will be constructed to allow for ten lanes of traffic. The current ROW only accommodates six lanes. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the tollway.

Est. completion of design is June 2008.

25 Virginia Pkwy (CR26 - Preston)

Scope: Construct six lanes from

County Road 26 to Preston Road. Project includes a bridge over BNSF RR. Construction is expected to begin in late 2009.

Est. start of design is April 2008.

26 NW Infrastructure

Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water and sewer lines to serve properties near FM 423 and US 380. Design water and sewer lines to selected alignment. Acquire ROW (right of way) to construct. Analyze alternative alignments for future Virginia Parkway from FM 423 to Preston Road.

This project is currently under design.

27 Teel Parkway (Panther Creek Pkwy - north of Little River)

Scope: Construct eastern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of the six-lane road. Design is 100 percent complete. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2008. This project will be jointly funded by Frisco ISD.

Est. completion construction is August 2008.